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Draft report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group on the 2009 substantive session

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 62/273, the General Assembly welcomed the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/62/19), decided that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field, and requested the Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations held its 2009 session at United Nations Headquarters from 23 February to 20 March 2009 and held ... formal and ... informal meetings.

3. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations. At the 206th (opening) meeting, on 23 February, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support delivered statements.

4. The Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support provided support to the Committee on substantive issues, while the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management served as the technical secretariat of the Committee.

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B. Election of officers

5. At its 206th meeting, the Committee elected its officers by acclamation as follows:

Chairperson:
Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Mr. Diego Limeres (Argentina)
Mr. Henri-Paul Normandin (Canada)
Mr. Tetsuya Kimura (Japan)
Mr. Zbigniew Szlek (Poland)

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C. Agenda

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda (A/AC.121/2009/L.1), which read:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. General debate.
6. Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole.
7. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session.
8. Other matters.

7. The Committee also approved its draft programme of work (A/AC.121/2009/L.2).

D. Organization of work

8. Also at its 206th meeting, the Committee decided to establish a working group of the whole, to be chaired by Henri-Paul Normandin (Canada), to consider the substance of the mandate entrusted to the Committee by the General Assembly.

9. The composition of the Committee at its 2009 session is contained in the annex to the present report. The list of participants at the session is contained in A/AC.121/2009/INF/2. The list of documents for the session is contained in A/AC.121/2009/INF/3.

E. Proceedings of the Committee

10. At its 206th to 209th meetings, on 23 and 24 February, the Committee held a general debate on a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects. Statements were made by the representatives of: Algeria, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey,

Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Morocco (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Nepal, New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Singapore, South Africa, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay and Viet Nam. Statements were also made by the observers for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

11. During the course of the session, informal briefings were provided to the Working Group of the Whole on the following topics: comprehensive report on the restructuring of the Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support; mission planning (civil and military); Police Division review; report on the Standing Police Capacity; peacebuilding and early recovery; mission management (Joint Mission Analysis Centre, Joint Operations Centre, Joint Logistics Operations Centre); report of the Working Group on the deployable rule of law capacity; implementation of mandated tasks; and technical monitoring.

12. The Working Group of the Whole and its six sub-working groups met between 25 February and 20 March, and concluded their work on the draft recommendations.

III. Consideration of the draft report of the Working Group

13. At its 210th meeting, on 20 March, the Committee considered the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole and decided to include its recommendations in the current report (see paras. 15-__) for consideration by the General Assembly.

IV. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session

14. At its 210th meeting, the Committee adopted its draft report to the General Assembly as introduced by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

V. Proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Committee

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Annex

Composition of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

The Special Committee currently consists of the following 144 members: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Observers: Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Panama, Somalia, Holy See, African Union, European Community, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Criminal Court, International Organization of la Francophonie, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Sovereign Military Order of Malta.